

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Harvesting Cotton and Soybeans and Planting Wheat*

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RELEASED: October 18, 1999 3:00 p.m. Temperatures for week were warmer than normal. Arkansas was hot and dry for most of the week. A cold front came in on Saturday evening bringing in light rainfall to some parts of the state according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 38 percent short, 44 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included harvesting cotton and soybeans and planting wheat. Other activities included harvesting rice, sorghum, and pumpkins, preparing land for planting of annual forages such as rye and ryegrass, land leveling, liming pastures, fields were being subsoiled and plowed.

CROPS: Crop development and harvest continued ahead of the five year average in most categories due to hot and humid conditions. Spraying fields for armyworms were reported in the state. Tree fruit were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition. Many farmers were feeding supplemental hay early this year because of the drought like conditions. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, producers were also planning for Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle. Fertilizer applications to pastures were also reported.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Mature	100	100	100					
Harvested	100	99	96					
COTTON				1	10	41	35	13
Bolls Opening	100	99	97					
Harvested	77	59	53					
RICE								
Harvested	96	96	94					
SOYBEANS				11	18	29	31	11
Setting Pods	100	100	100					
Shedding	74	81	70					
Harvested	43	42	34					
CORN								
Harvested	100	100	99					
WHEAT								
Planted	23	14	24					
Emerged	7	5	9					
ALFALFA				8	23	40	29	0
OTH. HAY				17	41	29	13	0
PASTURE				18	40	32	10	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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